

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-11, 17, 20 and 21 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-7, 9-11, 17, 20 and 21 are allowed. Claims 12-16 and 22 are cancelled herein. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 12-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by McElreath (U.S. Pat. No. 6,401,013). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Notwithstanding, Applicant has cancelled claims 12-16 and 22 herein. As such, the instant rejection is now moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the instant rejection is requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner

believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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